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In re application of:

Ronald M. Cook

Application No.: 09/591,185

Filed: June 8, 2000

For: FLUORESCENCE ENERGY
TRANSFER PROBES WITH
STABILIZED CONFORMATIONS

Examiner: Epps, J.

Art Unit: 1635

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for two months, from August 3, 2001 to October 3, 2001. A Fee Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee to our deposit account is attached.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page one, line 5, delete the entire paragraph and replace it with the following:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/138,376, filed on June 9, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein in its entirety for all purposes.

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